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HOLIDAY FEVER

"Health and Happiness" to each and everyone. May this holiday bring a joy and spirit to your life that will give a lift to someone near or dear. Let the many blessings of life enrich your heart and beam an extrapolation of love through your smiles, your kindness and tender gestures. If you feel lonely, know that you are not alone; if you feel troubled, know that there is someone who wishes to help; if you feel down, look up to the apogee of your existance; if you feel unloved, know within your heart that you are loved. Be true to yourself and deceit will never confront you.

If you will be traveling during the holiday period, you are urged to take care. We want to have you back with us in the Spring. There are those who may be able to replace you - but no one can take your place. Enjoy your holidays, your friends, your families and most of all - yourself. Remember - the greatest gift that one can receive is the giving of oneself to help others. A soft smile, a subtle wink, a gentle touch, a kind word - Something of ourself - the greatest gift . . . Have a very MERRY CHRISTMAS and a HAPPY NEW YEAR.

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GED TESTING

Beginning in January, 1979, GED Testing at Mat-Su Community College will be scheduled on Tuesday and Thursday, 8:00 A.M. - 4:00 P.M. each week. This is a drastic change from the any time, any day policy that was previously followed. The GED Testing Program is not an autonomous local program, but rather one that is operated in accordance with state requirements and supervision and national policies. Each state-level department of education designates a State Administrator of the GED Testing Program whose responsibility is policy implementation, administration and supervision of the program within the state. The State Administrator appoints a chief Examiner and an alternate at each of the GED Testing Centers within the state. The integrity of the program is directly related to the level of security and administration practices surrounding the operation of Official GED Test Centers. The Change in procedures at MSCC for GED Testing will complement the continued growth patterns and management procedures unique to Mat-Su.

WRITING CONTESTS

Students at Mat-Su Community College currently have two writing competitions open to them in both fiction and nonfiction. The fiction contest is being sponsored by the Alaska State Council on the Arts and the nonfiction competition is supported by the Friends of Animals.

The Alaska State Council on the Arts is now looking for not more than ten short stories to include in an anthology of Alaskan writers. Each winning entry will receive $200.00, ten hardback copies of the anthology and a percentage of the proceeds from the sale of the book. Only Alaskan residents may enter this contest which has a deadline date of March 2, 1979. Manuscripts must be typed and cannot exceed fifty pages. The work must be original, never been published and not written as a classroom assignment. Each entry will be read by the three judges: Hazel Heckman, Donna Mack and Tom Sexton. Entries can be sent or hand delivered to the council offices at 619 Warehouse Avenue, Suite 220, Anchorage, Alaska, 99501.

The essay contest being sponsored by the Friends of Animals is offering a first prize of $2,000, three second prizes of $1,000 and six third place awards of $500 each. This contest is open only to students carrying at least six hours and working toward an academic degree and is entirely focused on the question: "Why should the Congress end funding of research and education programs that involve the use of animals, and divert these funds to alternative methods?" The essays must be written in the form of testimony to the Congress and not exceed 5,000 words. The deadline for entries is April 30, 1979, and all essays should be mailed to: Friends of Animals, 11 West 60th Street, New York, New York 100023.

Brochures describing both of these contests in greater detail can be found on the Mat-Su bulletinboard just inside the front entrance.

The Electronic Technology program is now in its fourth year of growth, and has placed graduate students in industry both within Alaska and "Outside."

The ET program began as a morning high school and afternoon college program, and Michael Janacek, the teacher at that time is presently teaching electronics at Palmer High School. The present staff was hired in 1976: Kermit Ketchum comes to us from a diversified background of Air Force electronics, and Mel Sather has taught high school and worked in the broadcast engineering field.

The program can lead to an Associate of Applied Science in Electronic Technology Degree, or a Certificate of Completion, and the student will have a First Class FCC license with Radar Endorsement. The training will prepare the student for entry level work in a variety of technology fields with the emphasis on electronic maintenance skills. The structure is a modular learning system, and the emphasis is on the student having a comprehensive understanding of the theoretical aspects of the electronics industry.

Four of our currently enrolled students and one graduate student have been selected by FELEC Services to work on the DEW (Distant Early Warning) Line. They will go to Colorado for four weeks of specialized training before going to a remote duty site. The unique aspect of this assignment is that they will rotate on a semester basis to allow them to complete their ET program, with some of them starting in January and the other group beginning in March.

FROM THE LIBRARY

English ST 293 - The Shakespeare Plays a telecourse. The plays will be broadcast over Channel 7 on Wednesdays, tentatively scheduled for 8:00 P.M., beginning Feb. 14. The plays vary in length from 2 1/2 to 3 hours. Class sessions will be approximately 2 hours long and class will meet 4 times, including the final exam session. Tentative re-broadcast of the plays is scheduled for Sunday evenings. The tentative dates for the classes are: Feb 14, Feb. 28, with discussion group meeting March 2; March 7, Mar. 21, discussion Mar. 30; April 4, April 18, with class meeting April 27. Final exam May 4. The plays broadcast will be in the following order: Julius Caesar, As You Like It, Romeo and Juliet, Richard II, Measure for Measure and Henry VIII. Instructors: Betty Fallon, Leza Madsen. Texts: Penquin editions of the plays, all seven will cost $14.95, and be avialable at the MSCC bookstore.

Associate yourself in term of rate of personal progress
"Testudinata or Lagomorpha".

Philosophers and scientests are in general agreement that man does not live up to his potential. Mandino (1968:72) states: . . . . my skills, my mind, my heart and my body will stagnate, rot or die lest I put them to good use. I have unlimited potential. Only a small portion of my brain do I employ; only a paltry amount of my muscles do I flex. A hundredfold or more can I increase my accomplishments of yesterday and this I will do beginning today.

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How much do you know about Eskimo culture?

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Gene Scheer, Dean, Career Education, made an announcement to all students and faculty in the Career Education Division, concerning any gripes, complaints, compliments or suggestions on any subject, to feel free to visit his office and voice them.